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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Announcement of the Second 2015 Dietary Guidelines Advisory Committee Meeting and
Invitation for Oral Testimony

AGENCY: Department of Health and Human Services, Office of the Secretary, Office of the Assistant Secretary for Health; and U.S. Department of Agriculture, Food, Nutrition and Consumer Services and Research, Education, and Economics.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY:

As stipulated by the Federal Advisory Committee Act, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), in collaboration with the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA), are hereby giving notice that a meeting of the 2015 Dietary Guidelines Advisory Committee (DGAC) will be held. This meeting will be open to the public.

DATES: This meeting will be held on October 3, 2013 from 8:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. E.D.T., including oral testimony, and October 4, 2013 from 8:30 a.m. - 3:45 p.m. E.D.T.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be accessible by webcast on the Internet or by attendance in-person. For in-person participants, on October 3, 2013, the meeting will take place in the National Institutes of Health (NIH) Masur Auditorium. On October 4, 2013, the meeting will be held in the NIH Foundation for Advanced Education in the Sciences (FAES) Academic Center. Both facilities are located at the NIH Clinical Center, Building 10, 10 Center Drive, 9000 Rockville Pike, Bethesda, MD 20892.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Designated Federal Officer (DFO), 2015 DGAC, Richard D. Olson, M.D., M.P.H.; Alternate DFO, 2015 DGAC, Kellie (O’Connell) Casavale, Ph.D., R.D., Nutrition Advisor; Office of Disease Prevention and Health Promotion, OASH/HHS; 1101 Wootton Parkway, Suite LL100 Tower Building; Rockville, MD 20852; Telephone: (240) 453-8280; Fax: (240) 453-8281; Lead USDA Co-Executive Secretary, Colette I. Rihane, M.S., R.D., Director, Nutrition Guidance and Analysis Division, Center for Nutrition Policy and Promotion, USDA; 3101 Park Center Drive, Room 1034; Alexandria, VA 22302; Telephone: (703) 305-7600; Fax: (703) 305-3300; and/or USDA Co-Executive Secretary, Shanthy A. Bowman, Ph.D., Nutritionist, Food Surveys Research Group, Beltsville Human Nutrition Research Center, Agricultural Research Service, USDA; 10300 Baltimore Avenue, BARC-West Bldg 005, Room 125; Beltsville, MD 20705-2350; Telephone: (301) 504-0619. Additional information about the 2015 DGAC is available on the Internet at www.DietaryGuidelines.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Under Section 301 of Public Law 101-445 (7 U.S.C. 5341, the National Nutrition Monitoring and Related Research Act of 1990, Title III) the Secretaries of Health and Human Services (HHS) and Agriculture (USDA) are directed to issue at least every five years a report titled *Dietary Guidelines for Americans*. The law instructs that this publication shall contain nutritional and dietary information and guidelines for the general public, shall be based on the preponderance of scientific and medical knowledge current at the time of publication, and shall be promoted by each federal agency in carrying out any federal food, nutrition, or health program. The *Dietary Guidelines for Americans* was issued voluntarily by HHS and USDA in 1980, 1985, and 1990; the 1995 edition was the first statutorily mandated report, followed by subsequent editions at the appropriate intervals. To assist with satisfying the mandate, a discretionary federal advisory committee is established every five years to provide independent, science-based advice and recommendations. The DGAC consists of a panel of experts who were selected from the public/private sector. Individuals who were selected to serve on the Committee have current scientific knowledge in the field of human nutrition and chronic disease.

Appointed Committee Members: The Secretaries of HHS and USDA appointed 15 individuals to serve as members of the 2015 DGAC in May 2013. Information on the DGAC membership is available at www.DietaryGuidelines.gov.

Authority: The 2015 DGAC is authorized under 42 U.S.C. 217a, Section 222 of the Public Health Service Act, as amended.

Committee's Task: The work of the DGAC will be solely advisory in nature and time-limited. The Committee will develop recommendations based on the preponderance

of current scientific and medical knowledge using a systematic review approach. The DGAC will examine the current *Dietary Guidelines for Americans*, take into consideration new scientific evidence and current resource documents, and develop a report to the Secretaries of HHS and USDA that outlines its science-based recommendations and rationales which will serve as the basis for developing the eighth edition of the *Dietary Guidelines for Americans*. The Committee will hold approximately five public meetings to review and discuss recommendations. Meeting dates, times, locations, and other relevant information will be announced at least 15 days in advance of each meeting via *Federal Register* notice. As stipulated in the charter, the Committee will be terminated after delivery of its final report to the Secretaries of HHS and USDA or two years from the date the charter was filed, whichever comes first.

Purpose of the Meeting: In accordance with FACA and to promote transparency of the process, deliberations of the Committee will occur in a public forum. At this meeting, the Committee will continue its deliberations.

Meeting Agenda: The meeting agenda will include (a) opportunity for the public to give oral testimony, (b) topic-specific presentations from guest experts identified by the Committee, and (c) review of work since the last public meeting and plans for future Committee work.

Meeting Registration: The meeting is open to the public. The meeting will be accessible by webcast or by attendance in-person. Pre-registration is required for both web viewing and in-person attendance. Pre-registration is expected to open on September 4, 2013. To pre-register, please go to www.DietaryGuidelines.gov and click on the link for “Meeting Registration.” To register by phone or to request a sign

language interpreter or other special accommodations, please call National Capitol Contracting, Laura Walters at (703) 243-9696 by 5:00 p.m. E.D.T., September 30, 2013. Pre-registration must include name, affiliation, phone number or e-mail, days attending, and if participating via webcast or in-person or requesting to provide oral testimony.

Webcast Public Participation: After pre-registration, individuals participating by webcast will receive webcast access information via e-mail.

In-Person Public Participation and Building Access: For in-person participants, the meetings are within the National Institutes of Health (NIH) Clinical Center (Building 10) as noted above in the Addresses section. Details regarding registration capacity and directions will be posted on www.DietaryGuidelines.gov. For in-person participants, check-in at the registration desk onsite at the meeting is required and will begin at 7:30 a.m. each day.

Oral Testimony: The Committee invites requests from the public to present three minutes of oral testimony on the morning of October 3, 2013. Due to time limitations, pre-registration is required by 5 p.m. E.D.T., on September 25, 2013. Pre-registration to present oral testimony will be confirmed on a first-come, first-served basis, as time on the meeting agenda permits. Confirmation by e-mail will include further instructions for participation on October 3, 2013. Requests to present oral testimony can be made by going to www.DietaryGuidelines.gov and clicking on the link for “Meeting Registration” and must include a written outline of the intended testimony not exceeding one page in length. Written comments (separate from oral testimony) are encouraged to be submitted electronically through the public comments database at www.DietaryGuidelines.gov.

Written Public Comments and Meeting Documents: Written comments from the public will be accepted throughout the Committee’s deliberative process. Written public comments can be submitted and/or viewed at www.DietaryGuidelines.gov using the “Submit Comments” and “Read Comments” links, respectively. Written comments received by September 25, 2013 will ensure transmission to the Committee prior to this meeting. Documents pertaining to Committee deliberations, including meeting agendas, summaries, and transcripts will be available on www.DietaryGuidelines.gov under “Meetings” and meeting materials will be available for public viewing at the meeting. Meeting information, thereafter, will continue to be accessible online, at the NIH Library, and upon request at the Office of Disease Prevention and Health Promotion, OASH/HHS; 1101 Wootton Parkway, Suite LL100 Tower Building; Rockville, MD 20852: Telephone (240) 453-8280; Fax: (240) 453-8281.

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